

# THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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## FLOOR ACTIONS

- The House third read and passed **HCS HB 96**, which changes the laws regarding school employee liability, safety practices and reporting of acts of violence.
- The House debated **HCS HB 242**, which allows school districts to establish a four-day school week upon a majority vote of the school board.

## COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- The **Special Committee on Children and Families** passed **HCS HB 46 and 434**, which changes the laws regarding the consent requirements for obtaining an abortion and creates the crime of coercing an abortion. (2.18.09)
- The **Elementary and Secondary Education Committee** passed **HCS HB 236**, which establishes Kaitlyn's Law. This law would require school districts to allow certain students with disabilities to participate in graduation ceremonies after four years of high school attendance. (2.18.09)

### Dates of Interest

- March 12 - Spring Break begins
- March 23 - Spring Break ends
- April 1 - Last day to file bills
- April 13 - Easter Break
- May 8 - Appropriation bills must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed
- May 15 - Session ends
- July 14 - Deadline for the governor to sign bills
- September 16- Veto session begins

### Photo of the Week



Rep. Scott Lipke (right) and Sgt. Jason Grellner testify in favor of HB 496, which would make pseudoephedrine available by prescription only.

## BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions  
as of 2/23/09  
9:00 a.m.

# House Bills Filed	837
# of HBs Referred to Committee	507
# HBs Reported Do Pass	20
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	8
# HBs Perfected	2
# HBs Third Read	2
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	1
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	0



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## MORE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- The **Healthcare Transformation Committee** passed **HCS HB 95**, which allows enrollees to pay the lower of the co-payment assigned by the health maintenance organization or health insurer or the usual and customary retail price of the prescription drug . (2.18.09)
- The **Homeland Security Committee** passed **HCS HCR 16**, which strongly urges Congress to reject any asylum, containment, transport, imprisonment or state medical care of any suspected terrorists released from United States operated foreign prisons. (2.16.09)
- The **Rules Committee** passed **HB 744**, which creates the Missouri Family Recovery Plan Fund and the Economic Stimulus Fund in the state treasury to receive moneys provided under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. (2.18.09)

## FAST FACTS

- 34 people have been inducted into the Hall of Famous Missourians.
- The first person was inducted in 1982.
- 18 inductees were born in Missouri.
- Among the inductees are:
  - 4 authors
  - 1 journalist
  - 4 former U.S. Senators
  - 3 actresses
  - 4 military generals

### Did you know?



On August 12, 1914, a flag raising ceremony celebrated the completion of the Capitol's steel frame, which consists of 5,200 tons of steel.

- The **Jobs Creation and Economic Development Committee** held a hearing on **HB 190**, which allows the Department of Economic Development to include pre-employment training in its new or expanding industry training. (2.17.09)
- The **Elections Committee** held a hearing on **HB 613**, which requires the Secretary of State to establish and implement a system for allowing members of the armed forces, their spouses and dependents to vote using the Internet. (2.17.09)
- The **Crime Prevention Committee** held a hearing on **HB 496**, which changes the controlled substance classification of all methamphetamine precursor drugs from Schedule IV and Schedule V to Schedule III, requiring a physician's prescription. (2.18.09)
- The **Utilities Committee** held a hearing on **HB 554**, which allows electrical corporations to charge for services based on the costs of certain construction work in progress and establishes the Missouri Clean and Renewable Energy Construction Act. (2.17.09)